

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
July 11, 2012**

PRESENT: Michelle Niedermeyer, Chairman; Kate Bogli, Pam Burek, Erin Pirro

GUESTS: Bob Brockett, Nancy Dunn

Michelle Niedermeyer confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES:

The approval of the minutes of June 13, 2012 was tabled until next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Niedermeyer has asked the Agricultural Commission be put on the agenda for the August 6th Board of Selectmen Meeting to present the Commission's recommendations for use of Town land. Any commission members who could attend are encouraged to do so. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN FARM DAY

- The Open Farm day will be held on September 8, 2012.
- Presently, there are eight confirmed locations, as well as the grange.
- Nancy Dunn has volunteered to take care of public relations for the event.
- The level of advertising for the event will depend on the amount of money that is raised. At the least, will have posters, map, passport and lawn signs.
- The letter that will be sent to prospective sponsors was reviewed and edited. Nancy Dunn will forward it to commission members so they can see it before Michelle presents it to the Town Manager.
- Ms. Niedermeyer will contact Tim Brignole regarding sponsorship.
- If there isn't a big sponsor by July 20th, a request for smaller donations will be sent out to several prospective sponsors.
- A budget will be in place by July 27th.
- Pam Burek will contact Southwoods and Signs Plus to get prices for posters.
- Nancy Dunn will work with a graphic designer on the poster.
- The posters need to be done by July 27th.
- Bob Brockett will put notification of the event on the grange website and the State grange website.
- Lucy Lindeyer and Nancy Dunn have been getting information from the farms that have agreed to participate, i.e. presentations, any possible parking issues, etc. This will be completed by Monday.
- The working committee will meet for an hour every week until the event. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Starbucks.
- The following groups will be contacted to see if they would like to participate in the event: Granby Land Trust, Granby Artists, 4-H, Boy Scouts and the Chamber of Commerce.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Republican Town Committee has recommended Lucy Lindeyer for the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT: ON A MOTION BY Erin Pirro, seconded by Pam Burek, the Commission voted (4-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary for Patricia Tappenden